

U. S. Judge at Shanghai Condemned by Catholics; His Removal Is Urged

Leusseur Wilfley Said to
Have Offended Mem-
bers of Church.

In San Francisco, En
Route to Washington,
He Denies Charge.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—When Judge Leusseur Wilfley, who presides over the United States court for China at Shanghai, and who is now in this city, reaches Washington to pay his respects to President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft, and Congress, he will find in the hands of the executive and legislative branches of the Government copies of a petition drawn up and signed by a great number of Catholics residing in China.

The signers demand the removal of Judge Wilfley on the ground that he has condemned the Pope and the Catholic clergy as dishonest. All of this, they point out, is in a decision rendered from the bench by Wilfley, which makes his attack a record of the United States courts and therefore an official document to be distributed by the Govern-

Catholics Offended.
The petition is based on the allegation that he "as a judge of the Federal court condemns the Pope and clergy of the Catholic church as dishonest, which offends the sense of respect and devotion in which millions of Catholics hold their religion, and that all of this is done in a decision under the seal of the court and thereby becomes a part of the records of the United States, and unless repudiated will appear to have the sanction of the Government."

It is peculiarly unfortunate for him to have placed the Government in such an attitude against the Roman Catholic church, and especially his sponsor, Mr. Taft, a Presidential candidate, is likely to regret it.

"In his retention," says the petition, "in his present position, clothed with absolute power, which he directs through prejudice in attacking the clergy of the Catholic church, whom he styles the 'Popish clergy,' and through them our holy father, the Pope of Rome, commits the Government to a policy un-American and vexatious and burdensome in character."

The appointment of a representative American judge to supplant Wilfley is asked on the ground that such an appointment would stamp out the spirit of "A. P. A." and "Know-nothingism" which Mr. Wilfley's public utterances tend to implant in China.

Wilfley's Decision.
The decision on which the charges in the petition are based is in part:

"The Popish clergy took to themselves, under the name of the church and the poor, the whole residue of the estate of the deceased of the two-thirds for the wife and children and were divided, without paying even his debts or other charges thereon. This led to the act of Westminster II, directing the ordinary to pay the intestate's debts so far as his goods will extend. But even after this check to the exorbitant power of the clergy, whereby the ordinary was made liable to creditors, yet the residue, after the payment of debts, still remained in their hands to be applied to whatever purpose their conscience should approve."

"It was the flagrant abuse of this



LEUSSEUR WILFLEY,
United States Judge at Shanghai,
China, Whose Removal Is Asked by
Members of the Catholic Church.

power that again called for legislative interposition.
Resolutions condemning Wilfley were adopted and the following cablegram was sent out:
"Roosevelt, Washington, D. C.: Catholics in meeting protest as outrageous Wilfley's official denunciation."
Practically all the representative Catholics in Shanghai signed the petition.

Judge Wilfley, who is a guest at the Fairmont Hotel, was asked about the charges that he assailed the Catholic church and that he discriminated against those of that faith, declared the charges unfounded.

"I suppose that the idea originated from the fact that out of seven lawyers whom I excluded from practice in my court, five were Catholics, which I afterward learned," he said.

OLD ENGLISH CAROLS SUNG
AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
Old English carols were sung last night by the parish sanctuary choir of St. Paul's Church, Fifteenth and V streets northwest, this being a revival of the old custom of singing the carols at least once every year. With increase filling the air, such carols as "The First Noel" and "Cradle Song of the Virgin" were sung. A large congregation heard the singing, which was unusually beautiful.

STRICKEN AT CHURCH DOOR,
MRS. ANNIE HANLEY DIES
Mrs. Annie Hanley, of 1814 Fifteenth street northwest, was taken suddenly ill while about to enter St. Paul's Church, Fifteenth and V streets northwest, to attend vespers services. She died a few moments later, after being hurried to her home by friends.

Mrs. Hanley was the widow of Joseph Hanley. She was apparently in perfect health when she left her home, shortly before 7 o'clock. Death was due to heart failure.

Swift & Company's sales of fresh beef in Washington for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 28, averaged 7.16 cts. per lb.

FATHER STAFFORD TO GO UNDER KNIFE

Pastor of St. Patrick's
Church Must Stand
Operation.

The Rev. D. J. Stafford, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, who will be operated upon at Providence Hospital tomorrow, was reported resting quietly at that institution today, and it is believed he is in good condition for the ordeal. Although a consultation has been held, and five eminent physicians have agreed the priest is suffering from cirrhosis of the liver, it is also believed that he has a large tumor.

While the surgeons are among the foremost in America and possess great skill and medical knowledge it is a matter of grave doubt whether Dr. Stafford's voice will ever be heard in St. Patrick's again. Chattering bulletins are given to the lamenting congregation, but it is believed that Dr. Stafford's case is so aggravated and the operation has been so long delayed that he is now beyond human aid. Fears are entertained by the other priests of St. Patrick's, and at the masses yesterday the congregation was urged to pray fervently and often for a successful operation, and that the leader of the fold might once again be restored to health.

Today the physicians, Dr. Sinclair Bowen, Dr. G. N. Ackey, Dr. George Kelly Vaughan, Dr. Barker, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, and Dr. Brenner, of Roosevelt Hospital, New York, will devote their time to preparing the distinguished patient for the operation, which will be made at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at Providence Hospital.

A history of Dr. Stafford's life would read like a fairy tale. He was born in 1842, in the southwest section of Washington, forty-five years ago, and studied for the priesthood under the most adverse conditions. He overcame all obstacles, however, and for ten years he has stood in the fore rank of pulpit orators. He is regarded the greatest lecturer on Shakespeare's tragedies in this country.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD
FOR MRS. S. A. WHITEMORE
Funeral services for the Mrs. Sarah Adams Whitmore, the well-known member of the D. A. R., who died recently, were held yesterday afternoon from the Arlington Hotel. The Rev. William A. Bradley, former pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, officiated. The body will be taken to Chicago for interment.

Mrs. Whitmore is survived by her husband, W. C. Whitmore. She was a descendant of the Adams and Standard families, both well known in New England history. She was a well-known charity worker, and was one of the most prominent members of the D. A. R.

NEW CONGRESSMAN HERE
TO TAKE UP HIS DUTIES
Bascorb Slem, son and successor of the late Campbell Slem, Representative in Congress from the Ninth Virginia District, is in Washington.

Slem has not yet been assigned to any committee. This is a matter that the Speaker will take up as soon as he has been sworn in as a member of the House. He was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father. His district is the only Republican district in the State of Virginia.

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HELLO GIRLS STAMPEDE WHEN SIX MICE APPEAR

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Six mice raised pandemonium in the main exchange of the Chicago Telephone Company, Washington and Franklin streets, recently. The tiny rodents, drawn from their mural lairs by a tempting smell of luncheon cheese, stampeded 100 hello girls and sent them flying pell-mell to perches of safety on stools and switchboards.

The peace which wrapped the exchange suddenly was broken by a wild feminine shriek:
"Mice!"

Instantly—scream after scream ran down the long line. Terrified girls threw "receiving caps" from their heads, dashed down their "plugs" and rushed for refuge from the sudden danger. Some sought safety on the tops of stools. Some climbed to the high central ridge of the switchboard. Others sprang upon desks, window sills, and chairs, and drew their skirts about them.

The hubbub brought Superintendent Kelly running from his office. He came, he saw, he blushed. Instead of the customary line of demure and busy maidens, watching little electric lights gleam out upon their switchboards, calling softly, "Hello" and "Number, please," he beheld such a bewildering array of snarling, sniggering and snorting mice that for a moment he hesitated. But Superintendent Kelly is a brave man.

With one Napoleonic glance he took the situation and realized that he confronted a crisis. So, covering his burning face with his hand—but peeping, it is alleged, through his fingers—the superintendent groped his way to a broom in a corner. Armed with this weapon, he charged the mice. The battle was short and furious. Five mice were sent scampering back to their holes, leaving one of their number dead upon the field.

Victorious, but still blushing, the conqueror turned his back upon the girls and cried out that all was safe. So 100 pretty drapery-clad "girls" climbed down from their "plugs" and arched eyebrows and became "hello girls" again.

The incident explains why for twenty minutes in the afternoon patrons of the telephone company all over the city talked volubly into lifeless wires, the girls conducted a song recital before the main exchange.

Washington's German-American citizens making up the Washington Sängerbund, the Columbia Turnverein and the Arion Singing Society, celebrated the Christmas festivities last night in honor of the children of the members of the three societies. The young folks were made the guests of honor and were the recipients of presents and other good things that make up Christmas.

The Arion Singing Society's program was vocal and instrumental music, presents. Santa Claus and the Christmas tree were features of each entertainment.

Mrs. Ellen Adine Bell, mother of Charles J. Bell, president of the American Security and Trust Company, died at her apartments in Stoneleigh Court yesterday. She was sixty-two years old. Funeral services will be held at her apartments tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. Blake, of Christ Church, officiating. The burial will be in Rock Creek Cemetery.

Mrs. Bell was born in Dublin, Ireland. Twenty-five years ago she and her family removed to Canada, and came to Washington after several years' residence in that country. She is survived by six children—three sons, Charles J. Bell, of this city; Chester Bell, of Devonshire, England; and Capt. Lewis Bell, of the British navy, retired, and by three daughters, Mrs. Wynne, of Surrey, England; Mrs. Kerr, wife of Dr. James Kerr, of this city, and Mrs. William Kerr, wife of Mr. Kerr, of Mitch, Fox & Brown.

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Organized labor's champion, the Rev. Charles Steizle, delivered an address to labor men and the public in the Belasco Theater yesterday. Later in the evening he spoke to another gathering of unionists in the First Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Mr. Steizle said he is not a Socialist, as stated on announcement cards, but he is a labor agitator. He said he believed in the right of employers, employees, and workmen organizing and declared his faith in the efficacy of unionizing.

While not agreeing with organized labor in all it has done throughout the past, the Rev. Mr. Steizle said the basic principle was good and if properly handled, a union could render much benefit to its members.

The speaker took up the sweatshops in which women and children are employed and declared they were outrages against society. He told of child labor, and urged its speedy abolition.

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